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MURDER IN Oranjestad



ORANJESTAD—A woman identified as Josephieta Maria de Windt, 34, was stabbed to death Saturday morning in Oranjestad. The fatal stabbing is
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THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1985.



Willem De Kwaadsteniet—He wants to give the entire Antilles their independence.

Dutch Parliamentarians Reluctant To Set Date For Status Aparte Of Aruba

THE HAGUE—This week the Dutch Parliament started debating the necessary legislation for a change in the Statute which will enable Aruba to attain a separate status in the Dutch Kingdom. The Dutch lower house will agree to Aruba's separation on January 1, 1986 only if it is tied to the island becoming independent from Holland in 1996. The leaders of the major Dutch political parties rejected Betico Croes, proposition to keep any independence date subject to postponement. Croes proposition would invoke a referendum midway between the 1986-1996 dates so that Arubans could at that point decide if the desired independence or not. The January 1, 1986

date on which the Status Aparte is to be effective also came under fire by some Dutch parliamentarians. Dutch Senators, whose assent is necessary to the separation, have also expressed concern on the legal security of Aruba after January 1, 1986. Bothersome some of them in particular are the facts that Aruba would have its own Attorney General, one quite possibly besieged with political pressure, and the imminent understaffing of the Aruba Police Corps due to the exodus of many Antilles Police Corps members now working in Aruba. Some say these and other problems must be solved and therefore the separation date should be delayed. Betico Croes replied to some of the objections

arguing that the date for Status Aparte is now becoming a Kingdom law. The spokesman for the CDA party, Willem de Kwaadsteniet, suggested to hold a Round Table Conference after a few years with the Antilles of 5 to sound the possibility of granting independence to all of the islands. The results of that conference could serve to evaluate

the independence of Aruba, which, according to De Kwaadsteniet must take place in 1996. The Dutch Parliamentarians also expressed their concern about Aruba introducing its own currency. Labor Party member Wijmie Jabaay said that it would be a very dangerous experiment for Aruba.